COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALLEGED FAILURE OF GREEN HILLS WATER DISTRICT TO FILE REQUIRED REPORTS

CASE NO. 2011-00338

ORDER

KRS 278.230(3) directs every utility, when required by the Commission, to file

with it any report or other information that the Commission reasonably requires. 807

KAR 5:006, Section 3(1), requires every utility to file with the Commission, on or before

March 31 of each year, a financial and statistical report of its utility operations for the

preceding calendar year on forms furnished by the Commission. KRS 278.140 requires

each utility to file, on or before March 31 of each year, a report of its gross earnings or

receipts derived from intrastate business for the preceding calendar year. KRS 278.990

provides penalties for utilities that fail to file the required reports.

Green Hills Water District owns, controls, operates, and manages facilities in the

Commonwealth of Kentucky which are used for and in connection with the distribution

and furnishing of water to the public for compensation. It is, therefore, a utility subject to

Commission jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> KRS 278.010(3)(d).

KRS 278.990(1) states that any utility which willfully violates any provision of KRS Chapter 278 or any Commission regulation shall be subject to a civil penalty not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$2,500.

On December 15, 2010, the Commission provided to Green Hills Water District the standard forms for the annual financial and statistical report and the report of gross earnings from intrastate business. According to Commission records, Green Hills Water District has yet to file its water district annual reports and water district gross operating reports for the 2009 calendar year and its water district annual report for the 2010 calendar year. The absence of these reports is *prima facie* evidence that Green Hills Water District willfully failed to comply with KRS 278.230(3).

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Green Hills Water District shall file with the Commission, no later than October 20, 2011, its water district gross operating report for the 2009 calendar year and its water district annual report for the 2009 and 2010 calendar years.
- 2. Green Hills Water District shall appear on October 27, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of showing cause why it should not be subjected to the penalties of KRS 278.990 for its failure to comply with KRS 278.140 and 278.230(3).
- 3. If Green Hills Water District desires to waive its right to a hearing in this matter, it shall, no later than October 20, 2011, file the required reports and pay a penalty of \$250. Payment of the penalty shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of Kentucky, and shall be

delivered to the Office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:

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